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Attached are the proposed claims for application number 10/664,537 as we discussed. Please contact me at 336-698-4289, or at cparks@pattersonsheridan.com if you have any questions or concerns regarding these proposed amendments.

Thank you.

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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of exchanging information via an annotation, comprising:

providing an interface allowing a first user to view query results including ~~one or more~~ a first data object~~s the first user is authorized to view~~, select the first[[a]] data object from the query results, and create an annotation with a scope encompassing the selected first data object, whereby the annotation annotates the selected first data object with metadata describing the selected first data object, and wherein the first user is authorized to view the first data object; ~~and~~

providing an interface element allowing the first user to further associate the annotation with a second ~~expand the scope of the annotation to encompass one or more~~ data objects ~~the first user is not authorized to view~~, whereby the annotation annotates both the ~~selected~~first data object and the second ~~one or more~~data object[[s]], and wherein the first user is not authorized to view the second data object;

providing an interface allowing a second user to view query results including the second data object, wherein the second user is authorized to view the second data object; and

providing, in the interface, an indication of the annotation to the second user.

5. (Cancelled)